ALLIES TAKE TOWN: PUSH WEDGE INTO FOE'S LINES

Passchendaele Reported
Captured by British
Troops—New Move
Threatens German
Flank.

Invaders' Drive Along Coast
Aided by Furious Storm at

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Capture of the town of Passchendaele, between Roulers and Ypres, by British troops is reported from Amsterdam. The pushing of a wedge into the German lines at this point would probably compel the abandonment of a new German drive that has been developing along the coast, but thus far the Amsterdam report lacks official confirmation.

The afternoon communique of the French War Office merely reports renewed German activity at Ypres and on the Yser, artillery duels on the Aisne and French gains in the Ar-

Austro-German forces in Poland have repulsed the Russian attacks in the vicinity of Pietrkow. An attempt of the Russian army in southern Poland to come to the aid of the forces defeated at Lodz also was re-

Petrograd has admitted capture of Lodz by the Kaiser's forces in an official statement declaring that the Russian array withdrew for "strategic reasons," as defense would have required an abnormal battle front, North of the Vistula the Czar's forces that captured Plock are attempting flanking movement on the German right wing.

Turkish successes on Lake Van, near the Persian border, are claimed at Constantinople. Ottoman forces occupied Soujbulak: Near Adjara also advances are reported,

GERMANS MASS FORCES FOR NEW WARSAW DRIVE

Details of Lodz Victory Withheld by War Office. BERLIN, Dec. 3.

Though Lods is in the hands of the Germans, according to official announcement, no details can be published owing to the extended length of the battle front.

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THE WEATHER



Hear skies and sparkling winter days are just ahead, according to the weather man's prediction, coincident with the ending of the high wind and rainstorm of thelist three days. The rain is still pattering down and when it will stop the forecauter does not may definitely, so the umbrella may not be left at home for a while. Now that the storm is virtually ended the optimiet finds that it has banished drought up State and the millown are and farmers are happy. The small boy also is giad, for today he got his first glimpee of snow, even though it didn't prove sufficiently heavy for coast-

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Cloudy generally. No change in temperature. Wednesday fair.

Observations at Philadelphia.

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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

Near Arras a brilliant attack has placed our forces in possession of the village of Vermelles, as previously amounced.
On the Aisne and in the Champagne district artillery duels have taken place, in which our heavy guns gained pre-eminence over those of the enemy,
We have gained ground in the Argonne, in the forest of La Grurie and to the northwest of Pont-a-Moussen in the forest of Le Pretre.

Sea — Artillery Battle
Rages on Aisne.

Capture of the town of Passcheniele, between Roulers and Ypres, by ritish troops is reported from Amplication. Artillery Battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended field over which the engagement was fought. The Russian losses were very large.

An attempt the from Southern Poland was folded by the activity of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Piatrkow.

The Germans brought up to their east.

Fighting on the 6th around Lods and Lowicz was characterized by an absence Among other questions, the defense of Lodz remains to be revised, as the desire for retain that point absolutely would prove inconvenient in many important respects.

AUSTRIAN.

CZAR'S RIGHT WING AIMS FLANK MOVE TO CUT FOE'S LINE

Capture of Prock and Advance on Wloclawek Designed to Break Kaiser's Communication With Base at Thorn.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 3.

OIL STEAMSHIP BURNS: 34 MEMBERS OF CREW LOST

Only Two Men Rescued; Others Burn

the water's edge.

POLICE CALLED TO QUELL

Five thousand men who hurried to an awer an advertisement for 300 by the Philadelphia Ship Repair Company, at the foot of affiffin atreet, today, crowded over the wharf and lato the company's boller sheds so closely that several fights started and the police were called to restore order.

There was a great crowd out on the wharf when the engineers and gromen arrived at \$0 clock to get up steam and out the machinery. Most of the applicants

Throughout the day of yesterday the enemy showed kinself more active than on the preceding day along the Year and in the vicinity of Ypres, Our artillery was successful in reputsing all his attacks, however,

GERMAN.

RUBSIAN.

The Germans brought up to their east-ern forces six army corps and five cavalry divisions, parts of which were from the western front and the remainder new formations, enabling them to attack for eight days on December 5. But owing to the lack of cohesion and as a result of their lesson on the 5th, after suffering great losses, the Germans abandoned the attack.

The Austro-German troops have re-pulsed attacks of the enemy southwest of Plotrkow, and the Russian advance along the Nowa Radom line has been brought to a standstill.

The recapture of Plock, the Vistula river town between Warsaw and Wloclawek, by the Russians is announced in a dispatch received here from Warsaw today. This indicates that the right wing of the Russian forces which ten days ago reached Gombin is engaged in a flanking movement aimed to cut off the Germans' railroad communications with Thorn, their base in East Prussia.
The capture of Wicclawel, occupied by
the Germans a fortnight ago, would accomplish this gim. Plock is only 2 miles

southeast of Wicciawek, but the Germans are undoubtedly preparing to fight off this flanking movement, and the clash on the front here may be even flercer than that which has marked the struggle on the Lods-Lowicz front.

and Drown.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A dispatch from Bar-row states that the oil steamship Vedra, bound from Mexico to Barrow, caught fire today off Walney Island and burned to Thirty-four of the crew were burned to cath or drowned. Only two men were

5000 SEEKING 300 JOBS

Shippard Stormed by Mechanics

Anxious to Get Employment.

started and the police were called to restore order.

The 100 men wanted in the advertisement were needed to repair the steamships San Marcus and Denver, used as transports to carry marines bank from Vera Crus, and the work line to be interied.

None of thinse who crowded the wharf seemed to mind because the toba will less only five days and when F. J. McDonald, president of the company, opened his office to receive applicants the line of man twisted about fur several hundred yards on the whast and stretched a oling distance down Mirlin streat.

A small advertisement in newspapers draw the crowd. It called for qualified piles. Bitters. Directs. Gerpeniers and helpers.

out the machinery. Most of the applicants trips to follow the freemen into the open apole. They interfered so much with one freemen that he lifted a shower and struck one on the head. A lively fight followed. Varieties Schonist and the opinion of the sea street and Snyder available, of the sea street and Snyder available.

FIRST REAL CHANCE FOR SNOWBALL BATTLE THIS SEASON



The snow that flew in lively fashion for a few hours today did not linger long on account of the wet pavements, but enough of it gathered in corners and byways to afford youngsters material for exciting moments here and there. The photograph depicts some young hopefuls of Kensington staging a mimic battle between the Germans and the Allies.

EDDIE COLLINS SOLD BY MACK TO WHITE SOX

Famous Athletic Second North 2d street, and Baseman Will Play for "Charlie" Comiskey, Who Takes Over Ironclad Contract.

Edward Trowbridge Collins will play cond base for the Chicago American Lengue club next season.

This startling event in the baseball world was made public today by Confile Mack, manager of the Athletics, who stated that he had completed the deal stated that he had completed the deal with Charles Comiskey, president or the White Sox, for the sale. Mack did not state what price he put upon the most wonderful baseball player of modern times, but it is known that the sum was considerably in excess of any purchase made in some years in the American Learning.

Comiskey not only paid a nuge price for Collins' services, but he agreed to take over the contract which Eddie signed with Mack toward the close of the last That Collins will be appreciated as much in Chicago as he was here is an assured fact. He was always popular in the Windy City, even when he was en-gaged in the pastime of trouncing the Walte Sox. His future, therefore, as a White Sox. His filtre, therefore, as a player of national popularity will not wane one whip because he has been cut loose from Mack's wonderful machine.

The first questions which local fame wish to know in connection with this all-important baseball desi is why did Conimportant baseball desi is why did connic let Eddle so? There were a number of reasons which combined to cause
Collins' sale. In the first place, Mack, as
predicted lust after the world's series,
derified upon a retrenchment policy. He
came to this conclusion because the people of Philadelphia did not support his
ieam, the greatest and most effective
baseball combination ever gotten together. He began by asking waivers on
Render Plank and Coombs, declaring at gether. He began by asking waivers on Bender, Plank and Coombs, declaring at the same time that he was through with his veteran pitchers. Now he has sold Collins, and there is every reason to rollins, and there is every reason to believe that unless Rube Oldring jumps to the Federal League, he. too, will be

The reason why Mack chose Collins in-

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FIREMEN CALLED IN STORM TO ROUT TRAMP AT 4 A. M.

Vagabond Had Little Blaze to Warm

His Hands. It was a dark and stormy night. The wind howled as David Sutwa, 35 years old, puiled his worn out coat about him and rolled himself under a doorway to keep warm. He waited a few minutes keep warm. He wanted a few minutes and then aomething struck him. It was an idea. He went into the yard back of 2005 Commerce street, about 4 o'clock this morning, and taking a few papers made a little fire to warm his hands. He was comfortable, but not for long. A passerty saw the flames, but not the man,

and turged in a fire siarm.

Three engine companies and several policemen responded. Butwa was locked on Magistrata Tracy, in the lith and Vine stress station, sentenced him to three months in the House of Correction this morning, on the charge of being a

FLEE OVER ROOFS FROM FIRE Family's Thrilling Escape When

Boused From Slumber. An escape over the roofs to a neigh-bor's home was one of the thrills pro-vided during a fire early today in a grocery store owned by Hambel Kala-minaki, life Wiest Dauphin street. Kala-minaki, his wife and three children were asless above the store of rain and slast heightened the danger of the fight over the roofs.

over the roots.

Matches grawed by sice are beliaved to have caused the fire. The grocery store, through which lay the only exit roin the roins above, was blazing whom a stronger discovered the Samsa and outsid the family by shouting from the outs said. They tried to risk through

ALLEGED ROBBERS CAUGHT

Police Believe They Have Two Members of Thieving Band.

Two men, believed to be members of gang of thieves who have committed it robberies in Kensington since September 1, were held without ball today for further hearing by Magistrate Glenn in the Belgrade and Clearfield streets police sta-tion. They are Charles Berwick, of 2314 North 2d street, and Harry Ritterson, of

The suspects were arrested at the 2d street address by Policemea Cave. Welss and Berwick last night after a struggle, in which two other men, also alleged members of the gang, escaped. The police removed a wagonload of valuables, said to be worth \$500, from the house, and say this represents a part of \$1800 worth of goods stolen by the men since September. It is believed that other plunder has been disposed of by the men in the has been disposed of by the men in the pawnshops of New, York city.

DEATH AND DAMAGE TOLL NEARING END AS GALE SUBSIDES

Two More Lives Taken Director of Health to Go Be-Yesterday by Storm on Coast - Main Line Sections in Darkness.

Snow that awept into Philadelphia early this morning on the tail end of the threeday storm which has been lashing the whole Atlantic coast gave way to rain at dawn after falling several hours. The gale, responsible for destruction that will cost more than a million dollars to repair, is abating today and by night it is expected the toll of death and property damage will have ended.

Two more lives were taken yesterday by the storm. One victim was a woman trapped in the wreckage of her boathouse at Atlantic City and drowned by the rislrur tide. The other, a fisherman, was drowned in a wind-awept inlet when his boat was cansized.

Farmers through the eastern part of the ountry and Pennsylvania mills and collieries report today that their gain will greater than the loss along the sea ast. Nearly three inches of rain fell in this city in the 24 hours ending last night, Concluded on Page Two

YOUNG WIFE TAKES POISON AFTER DANCING MERRILY

Mrs. Clara Mayo, 19, Attempts Sui-

cide in Her Mother's Home. A few minutes after returning from moving picture show, Mrs. Clara Mayo, 19 years old, stood in the vestibule of her mother's home, Illi Sayder avenue, and swallowed a quantity of polson Just inside of the door her husband, Nicholas Mayo, stood with their little daughter Nadic. The woman is now in St. Agues' Hospital in a critical con-

Mrs. Mayo, her husband and two alstors went to the theatre last night. After the show they went to the home of the mother of the girl for squathing to eat. Mrs. Mayo was dancing and frolicking with her sisters and made the remark, "If I could only die now I would be

Five minutes later she went unitairs, obtained poleson, a builte of carbolic acid, and, walking to the vestibilis, swallowed the contests. As she fell her mother ran

Mrs. Mayo resided at Its South Carlists arrest. She has been in poor health for about a year and underwent three operations in the last three months ever, she had been to good spirits and her health was rapidly improving A direct eather for Mrs. Mayo to attempt ber life could not be assigned by the

U. S. S. KANSAS A FLYER Like Cruiser Karlsruhe, She Has

Been Reported in Many Places. Uncle Sam's giant sea fighter, the battleship Kansas, has earned the sobrique of "Flying Dutchman of the Navy." Yesterday morning she was reported ashore off Ocean City, Md. Later she was reported passing in the Delaware Capes and this morning she cannot be located.

ported this morning that a vessel sup-posed to be a United States transport had hassed the capes.

HARTE WILL ASK SUM TO ORGANIZE HOUSING DIVISION

fore Councils' Subcommittee on Finance Seeking Appropriation. -

Explaining why he falled to make any mention of appropriations for the new Division of Housing and Sanitation, while presenting his budget before Councils Finance Committee, Director Harte, of the Bureau of Health and Charities, to

I made no mention of the new Division of Housing because I don't believe it was the proper place. I will diamus the features of the new department when the Subbommittee of Finance meets this month. I will appeal to the members of mittee that appropriations should

be granted." "Are you in favor of the new Division of Housing and Sanitation?" I a.m.

Director Harte said there was opposition to the act which created the new department. He said the objec-tions came principally from trust companies and real estate interests.
Asked what the attitude of members
of the Finance Committee was towards
the new department, Director Harte said: "Of course, there are some members who are opposed to the measure. I have interviewed personally some of the memhera and they expressed themselves as kindly towards the not. I feel that the appropriations will be granted. Coun-cils' Finance Committee has always been kind towards our department when I came to granting appropriations." After the budget for 1915 was presented yesterday the finance committee marked

ity had failed to make any report on it. HERRICK HOME TOMORROW

on the margin of the housing appropria-tions asked "no recommendation" be-cause the committee on health and char-

Late Ambassador to France Will Be Welcomed by Cleveland Friends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- Myron T. Herrick, retiring United States Ambassador to France, and prominently mentioned as a Republican presidential candidate in 1916, will reach here tomorrow morning on the French liner Rochambeau, which says. is expected at Quarantino at 8 o'clock

Fifty-one prominent citizens of Claveand arrived here today to welcome their fallow-townsman.

FIRST CAR SINCE SUNDAY REACHES WEST CHESTER

Communication by Telegraph Also, Opened to Philadelphia.

YEGGMAN TO TAKE SECRET OF DESERT TREASURE TO CELL

Postoffice Robber, Facing Terms Aggregating 95 Years, Will Not Divulge Whereabouts of Temple.

weird explanation of robberies for which he has already been sentenced to 46 years in fail and others that may

tion of the Mexican situation in the President's address.

To his departure from his prepared fext, President Wilson is effect declared that the Administration had complished that the Sahara desert, and nothing will ever force him to reveal it. He admitted being a deserter from the United States army and says three men who learned he had the code threatened to have him arrested as a deserter unless he shared his severed with them. When he refused, Freyer says, they forced him to commit robbery.

MAXIMUM PENALTY, ST YEARS. Preyer was sentenced by Judge Groman in Allentown yesterday to 6 years n jail on 35 indictments for robbery, to which he pleaded guilty. He also was fined \$3000. Today he was taken to Easton, on the prior claim of the United States Government and held under \$5000 ball for the Pederal Grand Jury on charges of robbing postoffices, From

Eight charges of postoffice robberies are held against the yeggman here, ac-The maximum punishment for each is five years. If he gets the maximum it will mean sentences aggregating 25 years in iall, exclusive of the result of his trial at Easton. Judge Groman, in sentencing him, said he thought Freyer was a bad man to be at large.

The prisoner, who is short and weight about 120 bounds, sake a graphic recital. about 120 pounds, gave a graphic recitat of his history since he was 12 years old. He said he ran away from his home in Allentown at that age, went back's year later, ran away again and went West and there joined the army. While he was intioned at Vancouver an old man fell into the water and Preyer says he res-

cued him. SECRET FROM OLD MAN. The old man realized, however, that he had not long to live, according to Freyer's tale, and he gave Freyer the secret code. Three other men learned that he had it. Freyer's description of what they did to him was vivid in the extreme. He gave dates in each instance and all de-

United States, where they found him again and he had to undergo the game blindfolding, automobile-ridlog treatment, with the same result. When he refused,

The man was arraigned before United States Commissioner Edmunds for a hearing. His first trial in a United States Court will be in blatten. At the conclusion of his sentence, should be be con-victed there, he will be brought to this city and tried. If he is still alive when he have this city he will face 45 years more in jail at Allentown.

the men drove him to robberies. Freyer

POST FOR WOTHERSPOON

Late Chief of Staff to Be Superin WEST CHESTER, Pa. Dec. E-The first - tendent of Fublic Works of M. T. direct eather for Mrs. Mayo to attempt the first life could not be manigned by the family.

West office the from Philadelphia since Bundary to the forement today. The Western Union Williams Waited Wolfersoon, who has the forement today. The Western Union Washington, Duc a Secretary Mrs. Western English Company, which has notice that a class of staff of the liquid to the wires has succeeded in opening the wine to Philadelphia. It was an accepted today the allows madal of induce to Hargeant Chara R Vendantwert. Succeeded to Opening the wine to Philadelphia of trees and poles to doubt to the New York. Occurred to the New York. Occurred to the New York. Occurred to the New York of the New York of the New York of the New York. Occurred the Section of the New York of the New York of the New York. Occurred to the New York of the New York of

PRESIDENT IN MESSAGE REASSURES

Departs From Text of Prepared Address to Congress to Declare Restrictive Law-Making is Virtually at an End.

Merchant Marine "Stunted." He Says, Urging Shipping Legislation — Denounces Criticism of National Defense.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 -- President Wilson delivered his message in person to Congress today, addressing the Senate and House of Representatives assembled in joint session in the chamber of the House.

The President departed from the carefully prepared text of his address to reassure the business men of the country that the program of restrictive legislation was virtually completed?

tion was virtually completed.

Outside of reiterating his demand that an American merchant marine be provided to care for American commerces, paralyzed by the war, the Chief Executive made no suggestions and said that rural credits legislation could be deferred. The merchant marine and economical appropriations bills will do for the present session, in the opinion of the President as leader of his party.

He did, however, urge the campletion of unfinished buniness such as the Pfullippine independence bill, the "safety at sea" plan and authority for proper charit-

sea" plan and authority for proper charif-ing of the Alaskan coant. For the first time in many months there was no men-tion of the Mexican situation in the Presi-

that the Fresident had written "finis" on his so-called regulative program, that hareafter business could proceed sample in the knowledge that, if it shaped its affairs to the existing laws, it would not find itself confronted with audden changes resulting from new tawa.

Almost at the start the President di-gressed from his set address as furnished

to the press. The interpolated bassage was the second paragraph of his address and was as follows:

"Our program of legislation with regard to the regulation of business is now virtually complete. It has been put forth as we intended as a whole and leaves to consider the constitution of the constitution o no conjecture as to what is to follow. The road at last lies clear and firm before business. It is a road which it can travel without fear or embarrassment. It is the road to ungrudged, unclouded success. In it every honest man, every man who believes that the public inter-est is part of his own interest, may walk with perfect confidence."

CHEERS GREET PRESIDENT A chorus of cheers amounted the ap-pearance of the President in the cham-ber of the House at 12:33 o'clock. Some of the Republicans and Progressivas joined in the applause, but many sto-with folded arms as the President bowed his actnowledgment.

Secretaries Garrison, Houston, Laus-Wilson and Postmaster General Burisson

arrived in advance of the President, the executive gellery sat Mrs. McAde Miss Wilson and Mrs. Danleis, wife the Secretary of the Navy. Woman pro-dominated in all of the galleries. Of the front row of one of the galleries gave dates in each instance and all details.

It took the prisoner nearly two hours
to finish the abory. The gist of it was
that the three men had chased him all
over this country and to other lands.
About twice a year they causht him,
bindfolded him and carried him off in an
auto. Then, he says, they tried to make
thim give up the code.

Finally, in the Bahama Islands, Freyer
says he shut one of the three. He excaped
in a fashing boat and came back to the
United States, where they found him
again and he had to undergo the same
bindfolding, automobile-riding treatment. declared that this country is not raise at a moment's notice to put a matter trained men to arms in the field, sq.1 never shall be in time of years as line as we retain our present publical grinciples and institutions. Long applaces Appleuse also greated his waiting the

> Constituted on Page Willyway LOST AND FOUND